

Thruway. The expressway will be a vital feeder for the thruway.

Approval of the new section of the artery calls attention to the fact that progress on the first section, approved two years ago by the city, necessarily has been slow. To date there has been only building demolition and relocation of tenants. Actual construction is slated to get under way next year. This first section, a \$30,800,000 two-mile elevated highway extending from the Triborough Bridge to the Bronx River, first was projected in 1951, but local bickering delayed and almost defeated it.

With the completion of the New England Thruway in early 1958 the already heavy traffic in the East Bronx would be intolerably overburdening if there were not a major highway of expressway standards to link with the thruway and extend southward to the Triborough Bridge. The new expressway section just approved will be built under the vast Federal highway aid program recently approved by Congress. It is to be hoped that no obstacles will arise to swift completion of its construction.

A NEEDED ARTERY

The City Planning Commission has acted wisely to approve preliminary plans for a new 4.7-mile \$26,850,000 section of the Bruckner Expressway in the Bronx. With the first section, on which construction will begin next year, the improvement will provide a much-needed expressway from the Triborough Bridge northward through the East Bronx to the New England